

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

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As a new quarterly feature, the Department will highlight how the Strategic Plan is making a difference in our world. The Department's Strategic Plan is designed to deliver results along five strategic themes: Energy Security, Nuclear Security, Scientific Discovery and Innovation, Environmental Responsibility, and Management Excellence. The first quarter highlight focuses on Strategic Theme #1 – Energy Security.

In September 2006, Secretary Bodman issued the Department's new Strategic Plan. This plan implements the President's vision for our energy future. The President has outlined several energy priorities that include:

- diversifying America's energy supply,
- doubling the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve,
- increasing the production of domestic resources in environmentally sensitive ways,
- reducing gasoline usage by 20 percent in the next 10 years, and
- reforming and modernizing fuel economy standards.

DOE's Strategic Plan is aligned to meet these energy priorities by laying out specific strategies that increase our energy options, reduce dependence on oil and increase the flexibility of the market to meet US energy needs. We have also designed a strategy to ensure adequate crude and regional home heating oil supplies during emergency shortages by maintaining the operational readiness of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve. As the need for domestic oil production grows, our strategy seeks to ensure an expanded supply of domestic energy for the American public by promoting the construction of an Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline and the environmentally responsible development of the Outer Continental Shelf and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. As the nation seeks to reduce gasoline usage, our strategy looks to develop technologies that reduce vehicle emissions by improving efficiency and greatly expanding the use of clean fuels, while maintaining vehicle safety, performance and cost characteristics. In addition, the strategy seeks to develop technologies that enable cars and trucks to be fuel efficient, while remaining cost and performance competitive.

To read the details associated with each of these strategies, go to www.Energy.gov and click on the Strategic Plan in the top right hand corner.

Next quarter, the focus will be on Strategic Theme #2 – Nuclear Security.

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